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Common Council
City of West Allis

RE: City Attorney's Report of Claim and Lawsuit – **Robert and Violet Braun**

Dear Council Members:

The enclosed claim and lawsuit have been referred to this office in accordance with Section 3.05(8) of the Revised Municipal Code. I have examined the facts of the claim, the lawsuit, and the applicable law. I recommend that the claim and lawsuit be placed on file.

This claim and lawsuit is for Robert Braun's injuries suffered on April 3, 2017 when he was seeking to place a political sign at West Allis Central High School on an election day. Braun alleged that a City election worker assaulted him and caused him to suffer shoulder pain, requiring medical treatment. After statutory denial of the claim, Braun sued the City and several employees for \$10,000 for tort/personal injury and money damages.

My investigation into this matter revealed that Robert Braun was injured as a result of his confrontation with the City election worker and that his medical bills were reasonable and related to the incident. Pursuant to settlement guidelines, the City Attorney's Office paid the claimant \$2,250.00 and obtained a Release of all Claims signed by Robert and Violet Braun on March 2 and 5, 2018. Therefore, this matter should be placed on file.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenna Merten
Deputy City Attorney